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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM MAYNES

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MNUC, PARM, PORG, UNSC, SF, NI

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ISSUE IN UN SECURITY
COUNCIL

REF: A) STATE 91038

B) STATE 78795

1. EMBASSY LAGOS IS MAKING APPROACH TO GARBA APRIL 11
ALONG LINES INDICATED IN REFS A AND B.

2. WE THINK A PARALLEL APPROACH BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO
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NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. IN
ADDITION TO THE POINTS ON OUR EFFORTS TO GET SOUTH
AFRICA TO AGREE TO NPT ADHERENCE (REF B), WE BELIEVE
FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE:

-- WE THINK THAT A SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE
SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ISSUE AND RESULTING RESOLUTIONS

CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE PARTICULARLY POORLY
TIMED THIS MONTH.

-- GIVEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN TENDENCY TO OVER-REACT TO
UN CRITICISM, RESULT COULD BE SAG REJECTION OF CONTACT
GROUP'S NAMIBIA PROPOSALS OR OF ANY UNSC ACTION IN
SUPPORT OF THESE PROPOSALS.

-- TIMING OF A DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR
PLANS IS IN NO SENSE CRITICAL. IF NIGERIA PUTS OFF A
CALL FOR A SC MEETING FOR A MONTH OR SO, WE MAY BE IN
A BETTER POSITION TO SEE IF OUR OWN EFFORTS TO GET
THEM TO MAKE MEANINGFUL NON-PROLIFERATION COMMITMENTS
ARE GETTING ANYWHERE. VANCE

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